

REMARKS

In the last Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 3, 8-10, and 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,120,256 to Walden (hereinafter, "Walden"). Applicants appreciate the allowance of claims 11 and 13-14.

By this Amendment, Applicants amend claim 8 and cancel claims 3, 9, 10, and 12. Claims 8, 11, 13, and 14 are currently pending.

In order to advance prosecution in the above-captioned case and without agreeing to the characterizations made by the Examiner in the last Office Action, Applicants have canceled claims 3, 9, 10, and 12 and have amended claim 8 to be dependent upon allowed claim 11. Accordingly, the above-captioned case is in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of pending claims 8, 11, 13, and 14.

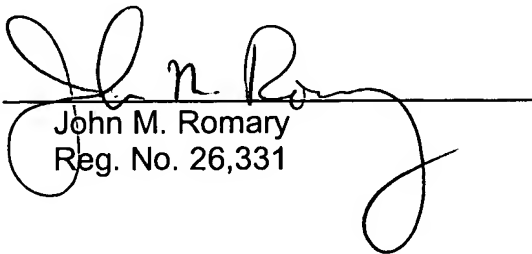
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